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Subject: Stop the Bush administration's attack on the Clean Water Act

The following is a copy of a letter sent to the indicated recipient(s) on 1/23/2003:

Sen. FrankLautenberg

Washington, DC

Dear Senator Lautenberg,

Sen. JonCorzine
502 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-3004

Dear Senator Corzine,

Rep. RushHolt
1019 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515-3012

Dear Representative Holt,

For the past 30 years, the Clean Water Act has been the driving force behind the clean-up of 55 percent of America's lakes, rivers and coastal waters. But instead of enforcing the Clean Water Act and cleaning up remaining polluted waterways, the Bush administration is attempting to remove many waters from the scope of Clean Water Act protections.

I urge you to immediately call upon President Bush to stop this assault on one of our most fundamental environmental laws. Specifically, you should urge the president to drop his attempt to rewrite the geographic scope of the Clean Water Act, which would remove long-time federal protection for many creeks, streams, wetlands and other waters. The administration should also instruct EPA staff and the Army Corps of Engineers to uphold protections for millions of acres of wetlands and natural ponds that replenish groundwater supplies, filter drinking water sources, absorb floodwaters and provide essential wildlife habitat.

Additionally, I urge you to co-sponsor the Clean Water Authority Restoration Act, which would ensure Clean Water Act protections for all waterways within congressional authority.

Many of us who live on the coasts enjoy both the recreational and economic benefits our beaches and oceans give us... and for those of us who surf on a daily basis, we are tired of risking our health from pollution and bacteria!

Sincerely,

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